

## JUDICIAL

Agency 050

### Commission on Judicial Conduct

#### Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	9.5	1,848		1,848
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	9.5	1,974		1,974
Difference		126		126
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	6.8%		6.8%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Microfiche-Microfilm Conversion		10		10
Computer Replacement		38		38
<b>Subtotal</b>		48		48
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	9.5	2,022		2,022
Difference		174		174
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	9.4%		9.4%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Judicial Conduct Review	9.5	2,022		2,022
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	9.5	2,022		2,022

#### PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

##### Microfiche-Microfilm Conversion

One-time funding in the amount of \$10,000 is needed in Fiscal Year 2006 to convert archive files from an obsolete microfiche/microfilm format to a digital image format and to index the converted files.

##### Computer Replacement

The Commission's aging computer servers, workstations, firewall, and related software will be replaced.

#### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

##### Judicial Conduct Review

The Commission on Judicial Conduct was created by constitutional amendment as an independent agency of the judicial branch of government to review complaints concerning the ethical conduct of judges, state officers, and state employees of the judicial branch. The Commission, an 11-member body composed of jurists, attorneys and representatives of the public, may impose sanctions, recommend disciplinary action, and issue decisions in the interest of both judicial independence and public accountability. Commission activities commence with a complaint from which follows a mandatory process involving four distinct constitutionally required phases: preliminary investigation (96.1 percent of the complaints are resolved at this stage), initial proceedings (2.9 percent); public fact-finding hearing (.5 percent); and Supreme Court review (.5 percent). The outcome at the end of each stage dictates whether further proceedings are necessary.